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Mr. Gerald L. Posner
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Dear Mr. Posner:

Having been a student of the JFK assassination for roughly 25 years and knowing something of the real complexity of the case, I was at first intrigued by the title of your book, Case Closed, which first appeared in Aug.'93 and which was reprinted in paperback this past September. I have read, and even compared, both versions. Upon first obtaining your book, it took me roughly an hour to establish that it was a fraud, since I know something of the Warren Commission's work, having read the Report and a good portion of the 26 volumes (available in our library), not to mention having worked on several occasions in the same files that you also had access to in Harold Weisberg's basement. Boy, you sure missed a lot and got an awful lot wrong. Not only did you misrepresent or ignore Warren Commission testimony you profess to know so well, but you obviously lied about some of it (eg.,Dr. Hartogs' testimony and the Warren Report's own conclusion regarding the young Oswald).

When Harold Weisberg's Case Open appeared I thought this would be an excellent opportunity to give students a chance to examine your book against the criticisms Mr. Weisberg brings to light. Many of the students, with my encouragement, looked into the testimony and exhibits of the Warren Commission to get even more critical insight than Mr. Weisberg is able to provide in Case Open. Were they surprised when they read the actual testimonies of people such as Dr. Hartogs, Dr. Humes, Howard Brennan, Helen Markham, Lt. Day, or the results of the Clark Panel published in Post Mortem, etc., etc., in contrast to your highly selective and distorted version, bolstered by all those nifty interviews you allegedly conducted to substitute for testimony under oath and closer to the event.

I was also impressed with your seemingly super-human reading and writing ability. I guess I must be slow, taking a couple decades to do not even a fraction of what you claim to have done in a couple of years. And this is not even to mention your recently acquired expertise in 500,000 pages of JFK documents released since your book was first published. My students I am sure are in even greater awe since they have struggled with just two books this past month, Case Closed and Case Open. What kind of exercise, diet, and vitamin regimen do you follow?

But seriously, I thought you would like to know that we are not impressed with all the rave reviews, the appearances on PBS, CBS, etc.(even with that noted JFK scholar, Dan Rather). In fact, we are appalled at such uncritical, unwarranted praise. To be even more blunt, we think you, your editor, Robert Loomis, the "scholars" who praised your work to the skies, and anyone else who helped put that monstrous fraud of a book together ought to be ashamed of yourselves for further misleading the American people. Your

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deceit, although perhaps more sophisticated, places you in the same gutter with the likes of Mark Lane. Paraphrasing your own conclusion, it is you and your kind who mock the memory of President Kennedy.

Incidentally, how do you sleep at night or look at yourself in the mirror every morning?

Sincerely,

Dr. Gerald Ginocchio

Enclosed with this letter is a collection of reports, with some documentary support, prepared by the students who spent the month of January critically analyzing your book. The papers are unedited. For freshmen and sophomores, which most of them were, and not having a lot of background on this subject, there are of course grammatical and factual errors. However, I believe those to be innocent errors, in contrast to the knowing errors in your book.

cc: Mr. Stephen Ambrose
Mr. Robert Loomis
Mr. Mortimer B. Zuckerman